NOTE FROM ROSS GAST

Sure would like to be with you, but won't be able to do so. While we won't be going back to England, I've promised Mrs. Gast that I would vacation with her at the time set for the Hibiscus Meeting.

I guess I've really retired now. However, I am in Hibiscus heavier than ever. The local arboretum has now given me, without cost, the use (for five years) of a greenhouse 16' x 52' with all care included, on the promise that I will do my hybridizing and development work there, and release through them. I an now busy moving my stock plants to the arboretum.

My best to you and yours,
Ross.

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An old colored preacher was praying with great oratorical effects in the midst of a violent, raging hurricane. As the earth quivered and the heavens roared, he cried out, "Send us the spirit of the children of Israel, the children of Moses, the children of the Promised Land."

An old darky with less oratory but more directness said, "Lord, don't send nobody. Come yourself! This ain't no time for chillun!"

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

By now all members have received a letter from the hotel in Miami Beach. Reservations should be made at once so that you will be assured of your room. A full weekend of activities has been planned for your enjoyment. Plan to come down Friday afternoon.

There will be a hospitality hour from 5:30 to 6:30 on Friday evening. Committee meetings after dinner Friday. Both the Judging & Flower Show Rules and the Nominating Committees will meet Friday evening.

There will be a loud shirt and skirt or shift contest with prizes. There will be a tour of the Fairchild Gardens Saturday afternoon. The fourth quarterly Board meeting will be Saturday evening. The Annual Membership Meeting will get underway Sunday morning with election of officers the last item on the agenda.

The annual plant raffle will be held again this year. This will be done during the luncheon Sunday noon. Come early to the Annual Membership Meeting and plan to have a good time with your many Hibiscus friends from all over the state.

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